

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 3, 2005 in which a restriction requirement and election of species were made, the claims of Group I (1-28 and 44-63) are hereby elected without traverse with regard to the restriction requirement as between the Group I and II claims.

In compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the claims readable on Species 1 (Figure 5A) identified by the Examiner as one of five purportedly distinct species. Applicant also elects, with traverse, Subspecies A, shown in FIG. 4A. The Applicant believes that the claims readable on Species 1 include claims 1-5, 8-11, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53-58, 61-63. The claims readable on Subspecies A include claims 1-5, 8-11, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53-58, 61-63.

Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of the claims to additional species, including those identified by the Examiner, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.141. Contrary to the Examiner's contention, Applicant believes claims 44 and 53 to be generic relative to claims 1-28, 45-52, and 54-63. All of the material limitations of claims 44 and 53 are expressly or implicitly recited, in various forms, in claims 1-28, 45-52, and 54-63, and claims 44 and 53 recite no material limitation that is not recited in claims 1-28, 45-52, and 54-63.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the appropriateness of the species election requirement as applied to Species 1-5 and Subspecies A and B in light of generic claims 44 and 53. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to Species 1-5 and Subspecies A and B are, therefore, respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone call to the number indicated below is invited.

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